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A Communication from Mother Sarah to Mary Prufet.

O lovely dear child be faithful and true.
And keep in the road thats marked for you
Tis paved with union and cover'd with love
I will lead you to mantions in heaven above.

Dear child, if you keep in this beautiful road, you never shall thirst, for I will feed you with food from heaven, I will comfort your soul and feed you with rich blesings, to comfort the meek and strengthen the wise that ever will prise this beautiful work and ever will go in meekness and love and will follow my voice and bow and bend according as I shall speak unto them, come down be ye clean, and be washed from the stains that hinders your peace, by this you may know the chaff from the wheat must be seperated, that here may grow up a beautiful crop, such as I can bless and nurse them, with my care and feed them with my peace, and fill them with zeal to purge out the tares that hinders the growth of this pretty crop.

O lovely dear child if you meet with trials, you must go to your kind Elders, and fall on your knees and seek their union and also their prayers to heaven for you that you may increase and be able to speak what I shall give unto you, and ever keep in this beautiful road and wear the white Robe

I have here for you. It will give you more strength than all earthly things. Encircled with blessings your spirit shall be, while in this pure work you labour with Zeal, O how thankful you are called to be, that you are called and seperated out from the world and made able to bear a faithful cross against all evil, and walk in union with your beloved Ministry and Elders. and by your Obedience are a comfort to your beloved brethren and Sisters. Such children are a comfort to my spirit; they will be the glory of the earth and the flower of heaven.

O Lord protect the youth I pray that they may grow in thy holy love, and fear thy holy name, and fear to do wrong, and ever labour to keep thy holy Laws, and fear to break the least of what is given by his true witnesses.

O dearly beloved you are called to be a witness in this blessed gospel work which will finally seperate the chaff from the wheat. I say the good and precious wheat will be gathered into the heavenly garner and the chaff will be burned with unquenchable fire

O hear ye my voice I tell you the blessed work is going on, prepare ye your minds for a great increase of this blessed testimony. I have come to awaken and to stir up your pure minds to travel on swiftly, and keep your seperation from sin and from sinners, esccept where duty calls, then go ye in the fear of God, and if ye are called to visit your natural relations, or acquaintance speak the word of God to them that they need not cry out against you,

when judgements comes upon them. Renew your Zeal in the things of the spirit. I say be ye ready to receive every gift of God there is for you, without vain excuses not say within your secrets thoughts I have not time to do this or that. You have time the Lord hath brought this work to pass, and hath given sufficient time for every purpose.

So farewell in love to your souls.

O the beautiful bright shining morning of this blesed day; when Mother appeared on earth and gave to her children a gift of discernment and also imparted to each of her children a ~~gift~~ beautiful gift of heavenly love. Love love of heavenly love. It makes your robes so clean, it makes your robes so white.

O the rich blessings of Mother, to all her faithful children.

Wednesday June 1st 1842.

A glorious day commenced. It was the Visitation of Holy Mother Wisdom.

At 8 o clock in the Morning the beloved Ministry and 3 inspired Instruments arrived here at the North house. at about half past 8 the brethren and sisters were all called into their rooms and the doors closed. We were placed in our chairs in a very strait line and sat in silence.

About 9 Holy Mother commenced searching our hearts beginning at the Elders first. And then the brethren and sisters. It was done by signs and in solemn silence, not a word was spoken during her searching. Next the brethren were called into the Elders room to hear her voice and to receive a rich blessing from Holy Mother Wisdom. At 11 we was released to do our chores, and 12 we were called again to take our seats. soon after the sisters were called into the Elders room to hear the voice of Holy Holy Mother Wisdom and their to receive a lovely blessing from her. Lastly the children were called to receive what she had for them.

We all then assembled in the meeting room at about 2 o clock in the afternoon, and sung a short Anthem which began, O Mother we thank thee O Mother we thank thee for the gifts of the gospel. Elder Nathaniel then spake a few words on the occasion which was very solemn and impressive to every soul who heard it. Eldres Dana and others spake and expressed their thankfulness that we were so free from traitors, hypocrites, and deceivers. She said she it is a dreadful thing to have traitors among the people of God.

yea she said she was thankful that sin and sinners had been purged out from among us so much as it was. Sister Dana spake and said that she did not believe that Holy Mother, could have visited us with a blessing had not those filthy creatures been purged out from among us. O Holy Mother Wisdom, spake and said, I have searched your hearts this day and have found no deception in any one. You have washed and scoured and cleansed your sanctuary from sin and from sinners; now watch and make fast the doors, and keep them ~~from going~~ out, for ye know not what hour the thief may enter. Keep out worlds Doctors, they do not belong in this holy house, but ever labour for strength and the healing power of God; and I will bless you in all that you do, in your basket and in your store in things both spiritual and temporal; and my blessing shall rest on you and on your glorious habitation for ever. For the Lord your God hath placed his name here. Prove me and try me and see if I wont pour you out a blessing. I have brought a Golden Alter which I will place over the spring in your Meeting room. Sister Dana had a Box of Gifts which she placed upon the Altar.

The recording Angel of the Lord, then spake thro an inspired Instrument and said I have been with you this day and have recorded in my book every word which has been spoken to you and every promise that you have made. These are solemn words of truth, let it sink deep in your hearts never to be erased that when you enter the boundless ages of eternity you can with confidence look over your past lives and say that you have faithfully kept the promises which you made to Holy Mother Wisdom.

Mother Ann's holy Messenger spake thro another

inspired Instrument, and said that it was thro her supplication and prayer to God that Holy Mother condescendeth to visit her faithful children on earth with a blessing.

We all kneeled down and bowed our faces to the floor and returned our hearty thanks to Holy Mother for her rich blessing which she had freely given to us. We also thanked the Instruments for their faithful care in the glorious gift and visitation of Holy Mother. We thanked the beloved Ministry for their faithful labours with 4 low bows.

Then Holy holy Mother Wisdom gave to us her farewell blessing and her Love, her comfort and her strength. It shall rest on you and on your beautiful habitation.

At half past 2 o clock in the Afternoon the same day, they went over to the east house. And their Holy Mother Wisdom, gave them a rich Blessing.